



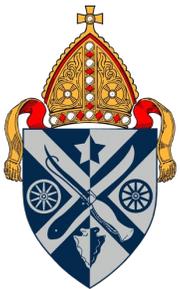
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12:15 & 6:00 p.m.

Connections

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

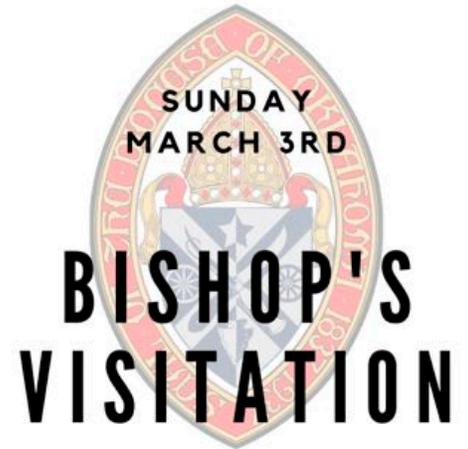
Bishop Search

We ask you to please join us in holding our Diocese, the Standing Committee, and Bishop Ed and Debbie in your prayers during the search process for the 6th Bishop of Oklahoma.



Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

March 2019



We will have a reception for the Bishop and those being received into the church beginning at 9:00 a.m.

If you have not already stated your interest in being received into the Episcopal Church, please contact Fr. John as soon as possible.

TIMELINE

A BISHOP FOR OKLAHOMA

[HTTPS://WWW.EPIOK.ORG/BISHOP-SEARCH](https://www.epiok.org/bishop-search)

- March 7-17 Survey of the Diocese
- March 31 & April 7 Regional Listening Sessions
- Spring 2019 Creation of the Diocesan Profile
- June 3 Profile Goes Live
- June 3 - July 12 Application Period is Open
- July & August Screening of Candidates
- September Discernment Retreat with Semi-Finalists
- October Candidates for Bishop Announced
- Late November/Early December Walkabouts
- December 14 Bishop Co-Coadjutor's Election at St. Paul's Cathedral



**Survey is open
March 7 - 17**



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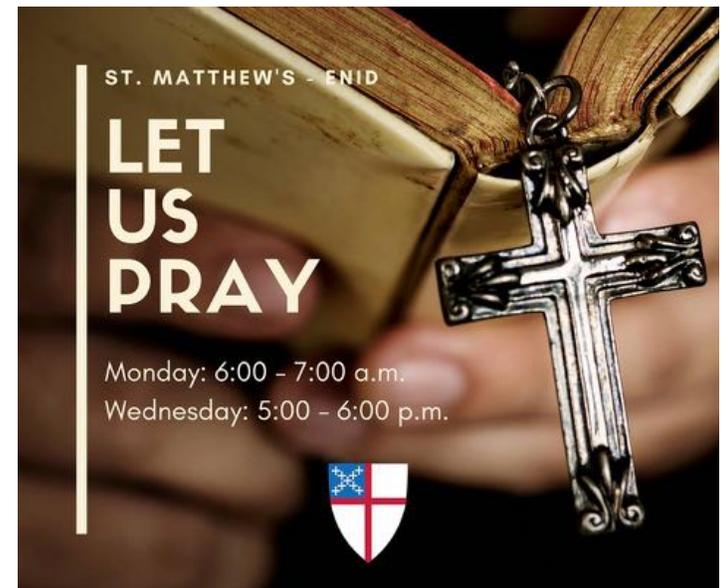
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Stephen Ministry
Training is held
each Sunday
following the 10:30
a.m. service.





Screenings will take place at St. Matthew's on March 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. You must pre-register to be screened.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment and get a special discount, call (800) 690-6495 or you can register online at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle

March 17 St. Patrick's Day Celebration Sunday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m.

The celebration begins with Evening Prayer and a one-man-play on St. Patrick, followed by a meal with a baked potato bar (bring your favorite topping to share). You are welcome to bring beer/wine.

THE LOUNGE

There is a new photography display in the lounge. You may know the photographer. Prints are for sale.



MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Students from Marquette University will be staying at the church for spring break from March 16 through March 23. They will be working on a Habitat for Humanity home.



Instagram

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

We are look for those who would like to serve on the **Altar Guild** and as **Ushers**. This generally only requires one two hours per month. If you are interested, please contact Fr. John.

St. Matthew's - Enid

Bishop Search

For the latest news, visit: <https://www.epiok.org/bishop-search> also "A Bishop for Oklahoma" on Facebook

THOSE WHO SERVE - MARCH

| SERVICE | POSITION | March 3- Last Sunday after the Epiphany | March 10- First Sunday in Lent | March 17- Second Sunday in Lent | March 24- Third Sunday in Lent | March 31- Fourth Sunday in Lent |
|------------|----------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 8:00 A.M. | LECTOR | | Linda Franklin | Sharon Franklin | Jim Gorton | Sharon Franklin |
| | EUCH. MINISTER | | Linda Franklin | Sharon Franklin | Jim Gorton | Faron Johnson |
| 10:30 A.M. | USHER | Janet Wright | Tammy Neal | Dean McCollough | Kathy Smith | Tammy Neal |
| | | Pat Farrell | James Neal | Erica Roark | Pat Farrell | James Neal |
| | LECTOR | Sharon Hume | Lura Owen | Kathy Smith | Leslie Terrell | Claire Hume |
| | EPISTOLER | Richard Roark | Claire Hume | James Neal | Tammy Neal | Pat Farrell |
| | INTERCESSOR | Pat Farrell | David Hume | Sharon Hume | Lura Owen | Kathy Smith |
| | CRUCIFER | Stan Miller | Vance Cashwell | James Neal | Stan Miller | Sallie Jo McCollough |
| | ACOLYTE | Sophie Fosmire | Haley Hibbets | Lucie Neal | Vance Cashwell | Nate Northcutt |
| | | Vance Cashwell | Thomas Herring | Addison Sandoval | Chloe Sandoval | Thomas Herring |
| | EUCH. MINISTER | Mike Rich | Sophie Fosmire | David Hume | Claire Hume | Michele Evans |
| | ALTAR GUILD | Debbie Southwick | Mary Henneke | Bonnie Gainey | Jean McCollough | Debbie Southwick |
| | | Michele Evans | Mary Alice Stalcup | Marianne Gray | Avadelle Hibbets | Michele Evans |
| | | Erica Roark | Kathy Smith | Beth Dahms | Claire Hume | Erica Roark |
| | | | Christy Northcutt | Leslie Terrell | Johana Barnabee | |
| | | | | | Patty Obrien | |
| | | | | | Gillian White | |
| | VESTRY PERSON | Sharon Franklin | Michele Evans | Andy Fosmire | Pat Farrell | Sharon Hume |
| | COFFEE HOUR | n/a | Baker | Koch | B. Frickenschmidt | |

March 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|-----------------------|--|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM New Conn. 9:15 AM Sun. School 10:30 AM Eucharist 12:00 PM Stephen 5:00 PM Holy Ground | 6:00 AM Prayer group 6:00 PM CIC Mass & Mtg. | 3:30 PM Tai Chi Class | 12:15 PM Eucharist 4:30 PM Confession 5:00 PM prayer group 6:30 PM Grace Night | 3:30 PM Tai Chi Class 5:45 PM Choir Practice | 5:30 PM Kids' Night Out | |
| 9:00 AM Reception 10:30 AM Eucharist | 6:00 AM Let Us Pray | 3:30 PM Tai Chi Class | 12:15 PM Ash Wednesday Mass 4:30 PM Confession 5:00 PM Let Us Pray 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass | 3:30 PM Tai Chi Class 5:45 PM Choir Practice | | 8:00 AM Church Growth Seminar |
| Daylight Saving Time 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Sun. School 10:30 AM Eucharist and 2 more... | 6:00 AM Let Us Pray 8:00 AM LifeLine Screening | 3:30 PM Tai Chi Class | 12:15 PM Eucharist 5:00 PM Let Us Pray 5:30 PM Soup and Bread Dinner | 12:00 PM Finance Committee 3:30 PM Tai Chi Class 5:45 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Vestry | 5:30 PM Holy Happy Hour | |
| 8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Sun. School 10:30 AM Eucharist 12:00 PM Stephen Ministry 5:00 PM HG: St. | 6:00 AM Let Us Pray | 10:30 AM Clericus | 12:15 PM Eucharist 4:30 PM Confession 5:00 PM Let Us Pray 5:30 PM Soup and Bread Dinner | 5:45 PM Choir Practice | | |
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st. matthew's saints

by James Neal

You may find some new friends and a few very long beards around the parish the last Friday of each month, as the mission parish of St. Nino Equal-to-the-Apostles Orthodox Church begins hosting its monthly service in St. Julian's Chapel.

The Russian Orthodox congregation held its first service and fellowship dinner at St. Matthew's on Feb. 22, and will have an evening service beginning at 6:30 p.m. the last Friday of each month.

The St. Nino congregation meets in Stillwater two Sundays per month, and expanded to begin offering a monthly service in Enid last fall.

Father Matthew Floyd, mission priest to St. Nino and assistant priest at St. Benedict Orthodox Church in Oklahoma City, said the Enid visits give him more time for instruction and pastoral care with his Enid and Perry families, and also enable him to present some of the other services of the Orthodox liturgy than those represented Sunday morning.

Fr. Matthew is familiar with the Enid community, having attended Phillips University for the first two years of his undergraduate education, in 1994-1996.

Until last month, Fr. Matthew's Enid congregation of 10-12 worshipers was meeting in the basement at David Burrows Allstate Insurance, 1810 W. Garriott.

Fr. John said when he learned of the Orthodox mission in Enid, he saw it as an opportunity to open the doors at St. Matthew's to another congregation in the Body of Christ.

"Knowing we had space available in the church, we thought we would reach out to St. Nino's and see if they would like to use it," Fr. John said. "A church is not a building, but if our building would provide a more formal space for them to be the church, it was just the right thing to do."

The new space-sharing endeavor is not Fr. John's first exposure to working closely with the Orthodox Church. He has fond memories of working closely with members of the Orthodox faith through a longstanding collaboration between his seminary, Nashotah House, and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary. When Fr. John received his doctorate, the speaker was Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, a bishop of the Russian Orthodox Church and chairman of the Department of External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate.

Fr. Matthew also has past experience with the Episcopal Church. After being raised in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), he attended an Episcopal Church in Lexington, Ky. during his last two years of college, before being confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, then attending the Byzantine Catholic Church in Portland, Ore. and eventually finding his way to the Orthodox Church at St. Antony Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church in 2004. He was ordained in The Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia in 2014. Fr. Matthew half-jokingly refers to his Protestant-Anglican-Catholic-Orthodox progression as "slowly making my way back through history." His parents currently attend All Souls Episcopal Church in Oklahoma City.

Fr. Matthew said the Orthodox Church in this region has been blessed with assistance to mission churches in the past, and St. Nino's is "really thankful to St. Matthew's for providing a nice venue for us to have services."

He said the Orthodox congregation at St. Benedict in Oklahoma City started out holding services in a chapel at a Catholic high school, and Saints Peter and Fevronia Orthodox Church in Kansas City got its start in a Lutheran chapel before purchasing a former Coptic church.

"There is a history of other denominations being so kind as to allow Orthodox missions to use their chapels," Fr. Matthew said, "and we're very thankful to St. Matthew's for offering this."





Your Bishop Search and Nominating Committee is hard at work putting all the pieces in place, finding dates and venues, as well as getting our process in order. The committee is full of dedicated and talented individuals that represent the breadth of the diocese - metro to rural, big churches and small, long time Oklahomans and people new to the diocese. We are theologically and liturgically diverse. Most importantly, we are committed to finding the best candidates possible to serve the beautiful diversity of our great diocese. While there are many Bishop elections going on throughout the church, we are confident that the Diocese of Oklahoma will have stellar candidates for Bishop. We have much to be proud of as we are one of the healthiest dioceses in the larger church - financially, spiritually, and numerically.

While we are still hammering out some of the details, below is a broad outline of the process.

Timeline - A Bishop for Oklahoma:

- **March 7th - 17th:** Online and Paper Survey of the Diocese
- **March 31st and April 7th:** Live Regional Listening Sessions
- **Spring 2019:** Construction of the Diocesan Profile and Application
- **June 3rd:** Diocesan Profile is Live Online
- **June 3rd - July 12th:** Application Period is Open
- **July/August:** Search Committee Screens Candidates
- **September:** Discernment Retreat with Semi-Finalists
- **October:** Slate of Candidates for Bishop Announced
- **Late November/Early December:** Walkabouts
- **December 14th:** Bishop Co-Coadjutor's Election



We want to hear from you!

Your input is important to this process. Together, we will define our identity, develop a common vision for our future, and articulate our leadership needs for the next bishop. We invite the diocese to participate as widely as possible in the online survey and set your calendars for the following Listening Sessions which will be facilitated by members of the Bishop Search and Nominating Committee.

- **March 31st - 3:00 p.m.** - St. Matthew's, Enid
- **(Tentative) March 31st - 3:00 p.m.** - Santa Maria Virgin, OKC (Español)
- **March 31st - 3:00 p.m.** - St. Luke's, Ada
- **March 31st - 3:00 p.m.** - St. Dunstan's, Tulsa
- **April 7th - 3:00 p.m.** - St. Andrew's, Lawton
- **April 7th - 3:00 p.m.** - St. John's, Vinita
- **April 7th - 3:00 p.m.** - St. John's, OKC

Pray for us and our work

We bid your prayers in the coming months as we go about our work.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.